



## HISTORY

The earliest human visits to the region may have occurred between 11,000 and 15,000 years ago. The Nisenan inhabited the drainages of the Yuba, Bear and American rivers, and also the lower reaches of the Feather River, extending from the east banks of the Sacramento River to the mid to high elevations of the western flank of the Sierra Nevada. The Washoe tribe historically inhabited the region east of the crest of the Sierra Nevada with peripheral territory extending to the mid-elevations of the west Sierra slope. Both ethnographic groups fully exploited their territories following a semi-sedentary life; residing at one or two established locations during most of the year, but occupying temporary encampments during part of the year to acquire different resources across a range of altitudes and environments.

The foothill-mountain Nisenan relied heavily on acorns, pine nuts, various grass seeds and berries from manzanita and hazelnuts. Deer meat was a primary source of protein. The basic subsistence strategy of the Nisenan was seasonally mobile hunting and gathering. During warmer

months, people moved east along the major river canyons to higher elevations to hunt and collect food resources. Nisenan triblet territory averaged approximately 100 square miles with a population density of five to seven persons per mile.

Nevada County was a major hub of gold mining in the mid-1850s through the 1880s. A mineral survey was requested in 1872 for two tracts totaling nearly 1,500 acres by the Mammoth Blue Gravel Company. An 1873 report described a number of houses on or nearby Chalk Bluff with several thousand acres of largely uncut timber. There were at least two sawmills in the area in the 1870s. By 1880, mining opportunities in the area had been largely curtailed, and earlier sites were inactive with no local residents.

There is little available history during the late 19th and first three-quarters of the 20th Century. In the mid-1970s the mining claim was subdivided into 31 parcels intermixed with industrial and federal ownership.

Stops on the tour include USFS (invited), forest industry (invited, awaiting response) and smaller nonindustrial lands (invited, awaiting response). The area has a long history of logging beginning in the early 1860s. The most common trees in the area are pine, Douglas-fir, white fir, cedar and black oak. More recently, the smaller nonindustrial ownerships have been harvested periodically since at least the late 1930s. Periodic fire has also occurred across the landscape; however, there are no records of fire in the immediate area since 1910.

## FIELD DAY SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

The tour will begin at the parking area near the junction of Highway 20 and Chalk Bluff Road (approximately the 35-mile post on Highway 20 and just above the 5,000 ft. elevation sign).

9:00am – 9:20am – Registration and Sign Waivers  
9:20am – 3:30pm\* – Field Day Tour

USFS thinning and fuels management  
SPI shaded fuel break along Chalk Bluff Road  
Ownership goals and management/CFIP project - Jesse Brown property (tentative)

*\*Lunch between 12:00pm – 12:30pm*

Overview of NTMP process and landowner goals  
Cedar Woods NTMP

- View of 2022 mastication and site preparation
- Opportunities for Cost-share programs
- Discussion of local Firewise community activities
- Discussion of local Prescribed Burn Association

Return to staging area.

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# Forest Landowners OF CALIFORNIA

## FIELD DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 • 9:00AM – 3:30PM  
CEDAR WOODS TREE FARM, NEVADA COUNTY, CA



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## LODGING INFORMATION

There is a nice campground at White Cloud approximately five miles west of Chalk Bluff Road. The link for more information is below or doing a search for White Cloud campground and Tahoe Forest. Contact the Tahoe National Forest for current information at (530) 265-6777. <http://bit.ly/CampWhiteCloud>

The Nevada City Chamber of Commerce website [<http://bit.ly/NevadaCityChamber>] provides information about other hotels and campgrounds in the area. It is approximately a 25-minute drive from Nevada City to the Chalk Bluff turnoff.

## WHERE TO MEET

The plan is to meet at the staging area just down Chalk Bluff Road from the intersection of State Highway 20 and Chalk Bluff Road between 8:15am and 8:30am. The intersection is very near milepost 35.0 on Highway 20 and just above the 5,000 foot elevation sign. Detailed directions will be provided a few days before the field day to those individuals who register. NOTE: confirmation will be sent by email – so be sure to include your email address when registering.

We will try to consolidate vehicles as needed. While the roads are solid, low clearance vehicles would not be ideal.

## HEALTH PROTOCOLS

While we are no longer in the thick of the pandemic, we respectfully remind participants that if you are not feeling well, we ask that you stay home. The FLC liability waiver has been updated to include release of liability related to COVID and other infectious diseases.

## LUNCH

Lunch and bottled water will be provided.

## COST

FLC Members - \$30 per person  
Nonmembers - \$40 per person

Reservations are REQUIRED and must be made no later than October 8, 2024. Please complete the form and include payment; mail or fax to the FLC office: (916) 294-0415.

## WHAT TO WEAR AND BRING

Comfortable covered toe shoes suitable for the terrain are recommended. Weather may be damp, please dress accordingly. Bring a camp chair for lunch.

## QUESTIONS

Deidre Bryant, Executive Director  
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## ONLINE REGISTRATION

Visit - <https://bit.ly/flc101224fieldday>

# Registration Information FIELD DAY – OCTOBER 12

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Ranch Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email\* \_\_\_\_\_

County Where Property Located \_\_\_\_\_

Food Allergies or Special Needs \_\_\_\_\_

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*\*Email confirmation with details will be sent approximately two days before the Field Day.*

## PAYMENT METHOD [4520]

Payment Enclosed: Total Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ (Payable to FLC)

FLC Member \$30    Nonmember \$40

## CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

MasterCard    Visa    Discover

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Cardholder \_\_\_\_\_

Card Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Please detach and send form to the FLC office with payment.*



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